

(Pub. L. 94-463, §3, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1982.)

§ 3003. Survey

The Secretary shall provide, through the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, or whatever agency or agencies the Secretary considers appropriate, an annual survey of existing methods of direct marketing from farmers to consumers in each State.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §4, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1982; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10605(b)(1), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 513.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 substituted “an annual survey” for “a continuing survey” and struck out at end “The initial survey, which shall be completed no later than one year following October 8, 1976, shall include the number of types of such marketing methods in existence, the volume of business conducted through each such marketing method, and the impact of such marketing methods upon financial returns to farmers (including their impact upon improving the economic viability of small farmers) and food quality and costs to consumers.”

§ 3004. Direct marketing assistance within the States

(a) In general

In order to promote the establishment and operation of direct marketing from farmers to consumers, the Secretary shall provide that funds appropriated to carry out this section be utilized by State departments of agriculture and the Secretary for the purpose of conducting or facilitating activities which will initiate, encourage, develop, or coordinate methods of direct marketing from farmers to consumers within or among the States. Such funds shall be allocated to a State on the basis of the feasibility of direct marketing from farmers to consumers within that State as compared to other States and shall be allocated within a State to the State department of agriculture and to the Secretary on the basis of the types of activities which are needed in the State, as determined by the Secretary. The activities shall include, but shall not be limited to—

(1) sponsoring conferences which are designed to facilitate the sharing of information (among farm producers, consumers, and other interested persons or groups) concerning the establishment and operation of direct marketing from farmers to consumers;

(2) compiling laws and regulations relevant to the conduct of the various methods of such direct marketing within the State, formulating drafts of enabling legislation needed to facilitate such direct marketing, determining feasible locations for additional facilities for such direct marketing, and preparing and disseminating practical information on the establishment and operation of such direct marketing; and

(3) providing technical assistance for the purpose of aiding interested individuals or groups in the establishment of arrangements for direct marketing from farmers to consumers.

(b) Development of farmers' markets

The Secretary shall—

(1) work with the Governor of a State, and a State agency designated by the Governor, to develop programs to train managers of farmers' markets;

(2) develop opportunities to share information among managers of farmers' markets;

(3) establish a program to train cooperative extension service employees in the development of direct marketing techniques; and

(4) work with producers to develop farmers' markets.

(c) Consideration of consumer preferences

In the implementation of this section, the Secretary shall take into account consumer preferences and needs which may bear upon the establishment and operation of arrangements for direct marketing from farmers to consumers.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §5, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1982; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10605(b)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 513.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-171, §10605(b)(2)(A), substituted “Secretary for the purpose” for “Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose”, “Secretary on the basis” for “Extension Service on the basis”, and “, as determined by the Secretary” for “and on the basis of which of these two agencies, or combination thereof, can best perform these activities”.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 107-171, §10605(b)(2)(B), (C), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

§ 3005. Farmers' Market Promotion Program

(a) Establishment

The Secretary shall carry out a program, to be known as the “Farmers' Market Promotion Program” (referred to in this section as the “Program”), to make grants to eligible entities for projects to establish, expand, and promote farmers' markets and to promote direct producer-to-consumer marketing.

(b) Program purposes

(1) In general

The purposes of the Program are—

(A) to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by improving and expanding, or assisting in the improvement and expansion of, domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities; and

(B) to develop, or aid in the development of, new farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer marketing opportunities.

(2) Limitations

An eligible entity may not use a grant or other assistance provided under the Program for the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of a building or structure.

(c) Eligible entities

An entity shall be eligible to receive a grant under the Program if the entity is—

(1) an agricultural cooperative or a producer network or association;

- (2) a local government;
- (3) a nonprofit corporation;
- (4) a public benefit corporation;
- (5) an economic development corporation;
- (6) a regional farmers' market authority; or
- (7) such other entity as the Secretary may designate.

(d) Criteria and guidelines

The Secretary shall establish criteria and guidelines for the submission, evaluation, and funding of proposed projects under the Program.

(e) Funding

(1) In general

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section—

- (A) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
- (B) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2010; and
- (C) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

(2) Use of funds

Not less than 10 percent of the funds used to carry out this section in a fiscal year under paragraph (1) shall be used to support the use of electronic benefits transfers for Federal nutrition programs at farmers' markets.

(3) Interdepartmental coordination

In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure coordination between the various agencies to the maximum extent practicable.

(4) Limitation

Funds described in paragraph (2)—

- (A) may not be used for the ongoing cost of carrying out any project; and
- (B) shall only be provided to eligible entities that demonstrate a plan to continue to provide EBT card access at 1 or more farmers' markets following the receipt of the grant.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §6, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10605(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 513; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title X, §10106, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1337; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title X, §10106, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2098.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3005, Pub. L. 94-463, §6, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1983; Pub. L. 103-437, §4(a)(8), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4582, related to review of activities by Secretary and annual report to Congress, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-362, title I, §101(d)(1), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, §10106(1), inserted “and to promote direct producer-to-consumer marketing” before period at end.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 110-246, §10106(2)(A), inserted “agri-tourism activities,” after “programs.”

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 110-246, §10106(2)(B), inserted “agri-tourism activities,” after “programs,” and substituted “marketing opportunities” for “infrastructure”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, §10106(3), inserted “or a producer network or association” after “cooperative”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-246, §10106(4), added subsec. (e) and struck out former subsec. (e). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 3006. Authorization of appropriations

(a) For purposes of carrying out section 3003 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary.

(b) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 3004 of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977, and September 30, 1978.

(Pub. L. 94-463, §7, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1983; Pub. L. 105-362, title I, §101(d)(2), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-362 substituted “section 3003” for “the provisions of sections 3003 and 3005”.

§ 3007. Seniors farmers' market nutrition program

(a) Funding

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture shall use to carry out and expand the seniors farmers' market nutrition program \$20,600,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(b) Program purposes

The purposes of the seniors farmers' market nutrition program are—

(1) to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors;

(2) to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs; and

(3) to develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs.

(c) Exclusion of benefits in determining eligibility for other programs

The value of any benefit provided to any eligible seniors farmers' market nutrition program recipient under this section shall not be considered to be income or resources for any purposes under any Federal, State, or local law.

(d) Prohibition on collection of sales tax

Each State shall ensure that no State or local tax is collected within the State on a purchase of food with a benefit distributed under the seniors farmers' market nutrition program.